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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

DONALD R. RICCI, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/744,950

Filed: June 18, 2001

For: BIFURCATED STENT
DELIVERY SYSTEM AND METHOD
OF USE

Examiner: Roz Ghafoorian

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2003 for three (3) months from November 28, 2003 to March 1, 2004.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1710 \$950.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-1710. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

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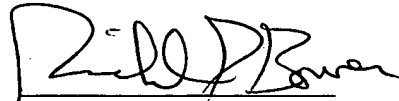
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